

**Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session**

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LRB Number 01-1273/1	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number SB15	Administrative Rule Number

**Subject**

Elimination of Social Security Number Requirement for Chapter 29 Approvals

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb within agency's budget.  
 Yes       No  
 Decrease Costs

Local:  No Local Government Costs

1.  Increase Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
 2.  Decrease Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory  
 4.  Decrease Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

GPR       FED       PRO       PRS       SEG       SEG-S

Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations  
 20.370(9)(mu)

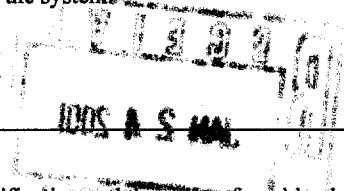
**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

**Bill Summary:**

Currently the DNR is prohibited from issuing a license or approval and must revoke or suspend a license or approval if a person is delinquent in state tax payments or in court-ordered child support payments. DNR is required to collect social security numbers from applicants on behalf of the Department of Revenue (DOR) for verifying tax delinquency and on behalf of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) for verifying child support delinquency. Tax delinquency affects only conservation occupational licenses in Chapter 29. Child support delinquency affects both conservation occupational licenses and sport licenses in Chapter 29.

This bill repeals the provision that requires an applicant for a Chapter 29 fish or game approval (either sports or occupational) to provide his or her social security number and the provision that requires DNR to deny or suspend an application or revoke or suspend an approval if a person fails to provide his or her number. It does not repeal the prohibition against issuing licenses or approvals to persons who are delinquent in taxes or child support payments. It also does not prohibit the Department from using social security numbers collected from persons prior to the effective date of the proposed legislation.

The impact of the proposed legislation would increase in the long-term. Since it affects only new applicants for approvals, the initial impact would be relatively small. Over time, a growing portion of our customer databases would have no social security number on file. For all persons without a social security number on file, the Department would have to find some other means to verify identity in order to determine which persons are delinquent in required payments. The Department would have to work with DOR and DWD to determine what other information could be used to reliably match information. Errors in customer identification are likely to increase, especially over time as new customers come into the system.



**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The long-range fiscal impact would depend on the number of errors in customer identification and the types of workload and procedural problems created for DWD and DOR. DNR would incur additional costs if it were required to make additional data system modifications.

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The primary problem is that this bill would violate federal law. The federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 amended the Social Security Act and federal privacy laws to require states to collect social security numbers from all applicants for recreational licenses to allow for effective enforcement of child support order.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

Although the ALIS system currently requires a social security number for a new buyer, it could be eliminated as a requirement. The system currently assigns a unique DNR customer number once the SSN has been provided. Eliminating the SSN requirement would likely substantially increase the potential for multiple records for the same customer in the ALIS system.

Modifications to ALIS software would be required to eliminate the social security number question from the ALIS sales scripts that appear at each terminal. Depending on the alternative means of confirming identity and its complexity, the Department could incur additional costs for systems modification. At this time, it is estimated that the one-time cost to modify the ALIS system would be \$50,000.

There are no additional revenues created by this bill.

**Fiscal Estimate Worksheet — 2001 Session**  
 Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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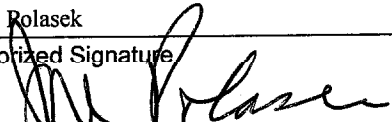
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One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):  
 \$50,000

Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes		\$ 0	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)		( 0.00 FTE )	(- FTE )
State Operations — Other Costs		0	-
Local Assistance		0	-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		0	-
<b>Total State Costs by Category</b>		\$ 0	\$ -
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR		\$ 0	\$ -
FED		0	-
PRO/PRS		0	-
SEG/SEG-S		0	-
State Revenues	Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Revenue	Decreased Revenue
GPR Taxes		\$	\$ -
GPR Earned			-
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S			-
<b>Total State Revenues</b>		\$	\$ -

**Net Annualized Fiscal Impact**

	State	Local
Net Change in Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Change in Revenues	\$	\$

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